

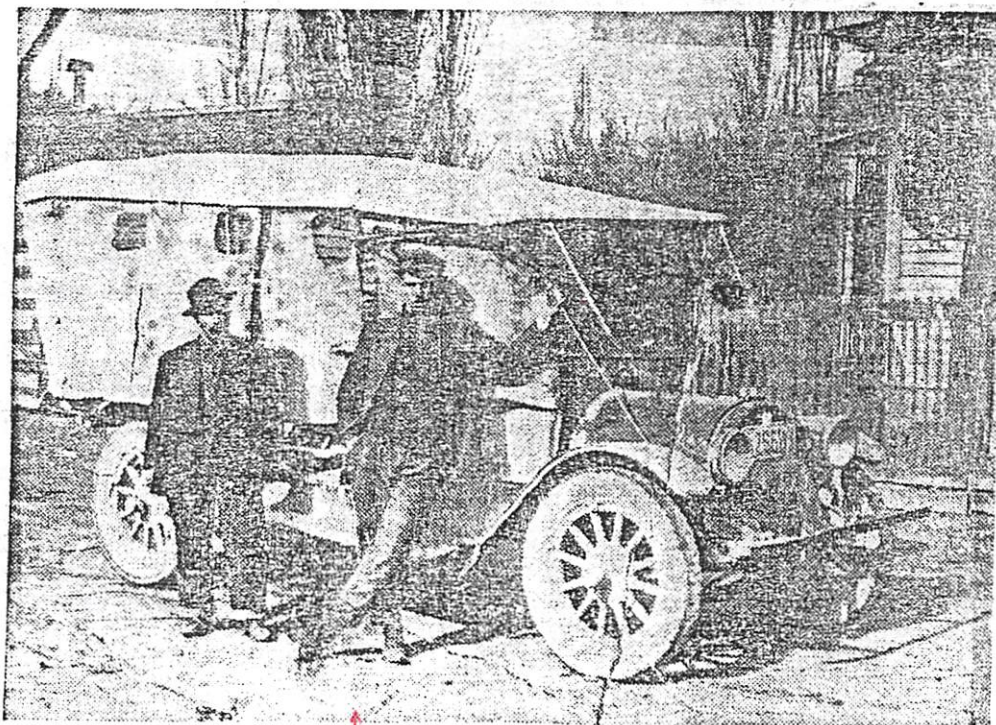
THEY ALL PILED OUT OF THE BOBSLED, PULLED OFF THE WAGON BOX TOOK THE SLEIGH APART AND REASSEMBLED IT HEADING THE OTHER WAY, BUT FOUND THEY COULD NOT GO THAT WAY EITHER. IT APPEARED THEY MIGHT BE STUCK THERE AND FREEZE TO DEATH, BUT LES FINALLY THOUGHT OF THE RAILROAD TRACK WHICH PARALLELED THE ROAD AT THAT POINT, SO THEY MANHANDLED THE SLEIGH ONTO THE TRACKS AND LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY FOR ANY ONCOMING TRAIN FINALLY ARRIVED IN COLTON.

THREE YEARS AFTER LES WENT TO WORK FOR THE COMPANY, THEY CHANGED TO AUTOMOBILES, SO LES BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST DRIVERS OF THE CARS, MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM HORSES TO INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES.

BUT HE NEVER LOST HIS LOVE OF HORSES, HE HAD SEVERAL EXCELLENT REMOUNT STALLIONS ON HIS RANCH, BUT THEY ARE ALL GONE NOW AND LES HAS TRANSFERRED HIS INTEREST TO QUARTER HORSES.

LES NEVER LOST HIS LOVE FOR HIS HORSES AND CATTLE.

*Is this a Buick?*



Les Gardner, right, with one of the cars used on the rugged Colton-Helper run.

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